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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/485)*]

53/3. Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, and proposals pursuant to Assembly decision 52/462 of 31 March 1998

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and subsequent relevant resolutions,

Recalling its resolutions 51/167 of 16 December 1996 and 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and its decision 52/462 of 31 March 1998,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat,[1]

[1] A/52/898 and Corr.1.

Having considered also the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Emphasizing the need to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in particular, in priority areas,

1. *Endorses* the proposals of the Secretary-General, contained in his report,[1] on the understanding that the amount to be utilized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should not exceed 5,526,600 United States dollars;

2. *Agrees* to the use of the amount of 1,088,000 dollars for the expenses of experts attending, in their personal capacity, expert meetings convened by the commissions of the Trade and Development Board in accordance with paragraph 114 of the document entitled "A Partnership for Growth and Development",[3] on the understanding that:

(*a*) It would only involve a one-time expenditure within the framework of the biennium 1998–1999, made possible because of extra resources that have been allocated as a result of underspending;

(*b*) The financing of the expenses of the experts should not set a precedent regarding the financing from the regular budget of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of expenses of experts attending, in their personal capacity, expert meetings convened by the commissions of the Board, in accordance with paragraph 114 of the document entitled "A Partnership for Growth and Development";

(*c*) Special consideration would be given to the needs of developing countries, in particular, the least developed countries;

3. *Invites* the Trade and Development Board to take a final decision, at its forty-fifth session from 12 to 23 October 1998, on the question of the selection, nomination and appointment of experts to participate in the expert meetings of its commissions, so as to enable the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to carry out the activities foreseen without further delay;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the implementation by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of the activities financed from the unspent balance referred to in paragraph 1 above, and on how the accomplishments had contributed to strengthening the capacity of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in particular, in priority areas;

5. *Considers* that significant savings have been achieved by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as a direct result of decisions of the ninth session of the Conference, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat;

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[2] A/53/7/Add.2. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[3] See A/51/308.

6. *Regrets* the lack of clear information concerning the savings achieved pursuant to the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat, and takes note, in this context, of the indication in paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] that an amount of 2 million dollars, which is part of the above-mentioned savings, could be traceable to the reduction in the conference-servicing requirements of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development undertaken as a result of the ninth session, and agrees with the Advisory Committee that this information should have been reflected in the report of the Secretary-General;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, comprehensive information on the savings, including the amount of 2 million dollars referred to in paragraph 6 above, resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat, as requested in its resolutions 51/167 and 52/220;

8. *Decides* to continue consideration of this question during the main part of its fifty-fourth session.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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53/4. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba

The General Assembly,

Determined to encourage strict compliance with the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming, among other principles, the sovereign equality of States, non-intervention and non-interference in their internal affairs and freedom of international trade and navigation, which are also enshrined in many international legal instruments,

Recalling the statements of the heads of State or Government at the Ibero-American Summits concerning the need to eliminate the unilateral application of economic and trade measures by one State against another that affect the free flow of international trade,

Concerned about the continued promulgation and application by Member States of laws and regulations, such as that promulgated on 12 March 1996 known as the "Helms-Burton Act", the extraterritorial effects of which affect the sovereignty of other States, the legitimate interests of entities or persons under their jurisdiction and the freedom of trade and navigation,

Taking note of declarations and resolutions of different intergovernmental forums, bodies and Governments that express the rejection by the international community and public opinion of the promulgation and application of regulations of the kind referred to above,

Recalling its resolutions 47/19 of 24 November 1992, 48/16 of 3 November 1993, 49/9 of 26 October 1994, 50/10 of 2 November 1995, 51/17 of 12 November 1996 and 52/10 of 5 November 1997,

Concerned that, since the adoption of its resolutions 47/19, 48/16, 49/9, 50/10, 51/17 and 52/10, further measures of that nature aimed at strengthening and extending the economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba continue to be promulgated and applied, and concerned also about the adverse effects of such measures on the Cuban people and on Cuban nationals living in other countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 52/10;[1]

2. *Reiterates its call* on all States to refrain from promulgating and applying laws and measures of the kind referred to in the preamble to the present resolution in conformity with their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and international law, which, *inter alia*, reaffirmed the freedom of trade and navigation;

3. *Once again urges* States that have and continue to apply such laws and measures to take the necessary steps to repeal or invalidate them as soon as possible in accordance with their legal regime;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the appropriate organs and agencies of the United Nations system, to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution in the light of the purposes and principles of the Charter and international law and to submit it to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba".

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[1] A/53/320 and Add.1-3.

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53/5. Observer status for the Association of Caribbean States in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that the purposes of the Association of Caribbean States, as enunciated in the convention by which it was established, and which has been registered with the Secretariat, are consistent with those of the United Nations,

Considering that, accordingly, it is mutually advantageous to provide for cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Caribbean States,

Taking note of the desire of the Association of Caribbean States for the establishment of such cooperation,

1. *Decides* to invite the Association of Caribbean States to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/53/L.4 and Add.1)*]

53/6. Observer status for the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development,

1. *Decides* to invite the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/53/L.8 and Add.1)*]

53/7. World Solar Programme 1996–2005

The General Assembly,

Aware that one of the priority tasks of the United Nations for the benefit of present and future generations is the elimination of poverty and the improvement of the quality of life of the millions living in misery,

Recalling, in the context of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,[1] that sustainable development is one of the main goals of the United Nations system and that one of the key elements for attaining it is the application of sustainable energy systems, which includes the wider use of environmentally friendly, renewable energies,

Recalling also that the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session,[2] recognized the need to promote efforts in research on and development and use of renewable energies at the international and national levels,

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[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

Recalling further that energy will be one of the main topics of the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in 2001,

Recalling that the World Solar Summit, held at Harare on 16 and 17 September 1996, adopted the Harare Declaration on Solar Energy and Sustainable Development[3] and approved the preparation of the World Solar Programme 1996–2005[4] aimed at improving the quality of life in both industrialized and developing countries through the wider use of renewable energies, notably in the rural areas of developing countries, and that the Programme was approved by the World Solar Commission in June 1997,

Recalling also resolution 29 C/14 concerning the World Solar Programme 1996–2005, adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in November 1997,[5]

Considering the need to make all necessary efforts to achieve the goals set out in the Harare Declaration,

Noting with appreciation the support shown and commitments made so far by a number of donor Member States,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the heads of State and Government who have agreed to serve on the World Solar Commission, and especially to the Chairman of the Commission;

2. *Endorses* the World Solar Programme 1996–2005[4] as a contribution to the overall sustainable development agenda;

3. *Invites* all States Members of the United Nations to contribute to the successful implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996–2005;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and in close cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant organizations:

(*a*) To undertake concrete action in order to ensure that the World Solar Programme 1996–2005 is fully integrated into and brought into the mainstream of the efforts of the United Nations system to attain the objective of sustainable development;

(*b*) To bring the World Solar Programme 1996–2005 to the attention of relevant funding and technical assistance sources and to encourage them to consider contributing to its effective implementation;

(*c*) To continue to sensitize and generate a greater degree of awareness in all Member States and international, regional and national institutions, both public and private, to the strategic importance of the World Solar Programme 1996–2005 for ensuring sustainable development;

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[3] A/53/395, annex, sect. II.

[4] Ibid., annex.

[5] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Twenty-ninth Session, Paris, 21 October-12 November 1997*, vol. 1: *Resolutions*.

(*d*) To submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a report entitled "World Solar Programme 1996–2005" concerning measures taken by the different entities of the United Nations system in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution.

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[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/53/L.11 and Add.1)*]

53/8. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,[1]

Recalling the decision of the Council of the League of Arab States that it considers the League a regional organization within the meaning of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting the desire of both organizations to consolidate, develop and enhance further the ties existing between them in the political, economic, social, humanitarian, cultural, technical and administrative fields,

[1] A/53/434.

Taking into account the report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace",[2] in particular section VII, concerning cooperation with regional arrangements and organizations, and the "Supplement to An Agenda for Peace",[3]

Convinced that the maintenance and further strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States contribute to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Convinced also of the need for more efficient and coordinated utilization of available economic and financial resources to promote common objectives of the two organizations,

Acknowledging the need for closer cooperation between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in realizing the goals and objectives of the two organizations,

Welcoming the third meeting on cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations, held on 28 and 29 July 1998,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Commends* the continued efforts of the League of Arab States to promote multilateral cooperation among Arab States, and requests the United Nations system to continue to lend its support;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the follow-up action taken by him to implement the proposals adopted at the meetings between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations, including the latest general meeting, held in Geneva in 1997, and the sectoral meeting, held in Cairo from 8 to 11 June 1998;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, within their respective fields of competence, to intensify further their cooperation with a view to the realization of the purposes and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the strengthening of international peace and security, economic and social development, disarmament, decolonization, self-determination and the eradication of all forms of racism and racial discrimination;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and other organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in order to enhance their capacity to serve the

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[2] A/47/277-S/24111; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-seventh Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1992*, document S/24111.

[3] A/50/60-S/1995/1; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fiftieth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1995*, document S/1995/1.

mutual interests and objectives of the two organizations in the political, economic, social, humanitarian, cultural and administrative fields;

6. *Calls upon* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system:

(*a*) To continue to cooperate with the Secretary-General and among themselves, as well as with the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations, in the follow-up of multilateral proposals aimed at strengthening and expanding cooperation in all fields between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations;

(*b*) To maintain and increase contacts and improve the mechanism of consultation with the counterpart programmes, organizations and agencies concerned regarding projects and programmes, in order to facilitate their implementation;

(*c*) To associate whenever possible with organizations and institutions of the League of Arab States in the execution and implementation of development projects in the Arab region;

(*d*) To inform the Secretary-General, not later than 15 July 1999, of the progress of their cooperation with the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations, in particular the follow-up action taken on the multilateral and bilateral proposals adopted at the previous meetings between the two organizations;

7. *Also calls upon* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to intensify cooperation with the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in the priority sectors of rural development, desertification and green belts, training and vocational training, technology, environment and information and documentation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in cooperation with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to encourage periodic consultation between representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to review and strengthen coordination mechanisms with a view to accelerating implementation of, and follow-up action on, multilateral projects, proposals and recommendations adopted at the meetings between the two organizations;

9. *Recommends* that the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system should utilize, insofar as possible, Arab institutions and technical expertise in projects undertaken in the Arab region;

10. *Welcomes* the results of the sectoral meeting on trade and development between the United Nations and the League of Arab States, held at the headquarters of the League of Arab States in Cairo in June 1998, and calls for further such meetings between the specialized agencies of the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

11. *Decides* that, in order to enhance cooperation and for the purpose of review and appraisal of progress, a general meeting between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States should take place once every two years, and inter-agency sectoral meetings should be organized regularly on areas of priority and wide importance in the development of the Arab States, on the basis of agreement between

the counterpart programmes of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations;

12. *Reaffirms* the importance of holding the next general meeting on cooperation between the representatives of the secretariats of organizations of the United Nations system and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations during 1999, and a sectoral meeting on areas of priority during the year 2000;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States".

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[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/53/L.10/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1)*]

53/9. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 51/4 of 24 October 1996 relating to the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States,[1]

Recalling that the purposes of the United Nations are, *inter alia*, to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends,

Recalling also that the Charter of the Organization of American States reaffirms these purposes and principles and provides that that organization is a regional agency under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling further its resolutions 47/20 A of 24 November 1992, 47/20 B of 20 April 1993, 48/27 B of 8 July 1994, 49/5 of 21 October 1994, 49/27 B of 12 July 1995, 50/86 B of 3 April 1996 and 51/4 of 24 October 1996,

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[1] A/53/272 and Add.1.

Aware that the effective consolidation of a new international order requires regional action in harmony with that of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States[1] and his efforts to strengthen that cooperation;

2. *Also takes note with satisfaction* of the exchange of information between the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and the Organization of American States with respect to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[2] which is helping to keep that organization abreast of the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

3. *Recognizes* the work being done by the Organization of American States, on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, in the field of regional cooperation and in connection with its task of coordination with the United Nations;

4. *Welcomes* the undertaking of technical cooperation activities under the United Nations Trust Fund for New and Renewable Sources of Energy, financed by the Government of Italy, to assist small island developing States, including States members of the Organization of American States;

5. *Recommends* that a general meeting of representatives of the United Nations system and of the Organization of American States should be held in 1999 for the continued review and appraisal of cooperation programmes and of other matters to be mutually decided upon;

6. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the exchange with the Organization of American States of information and substantive reports on the advancement in the status of women, on matters relating to youth and on the eradication of poverty;

7. *Emphasizes* that the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States should be undertaken in accordance with their respective mandates, scope and composition and be suited to each specific situation, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States".

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[2] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. 94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

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[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/53/L.7/Rev.1)*]

53/10. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion

The General Assembly,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, particularly those that call for the development of friendly relations among nations and the achievement of cooperation in solving problems of an economic and social character,

Recalling its numerous resolutions in which it has called upon the international community to take urgent and effective steps to end coercive economic measures,

Recalling also the final document of the Twelfth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, which reaffirmed that coercive economic measures and the enactment of extraterritorial laws are incompatible with international law and the purposes and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling further the decision adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-fourth ordinary session,[1] in which that Assembly expressed concern at the continued imposition of extraterritorial coercive economic measures and demanded the elimination of such measures,

[1] A/53/179.

Taking into account the final document of the eighth session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Tehran,[2] which noted with grave concern that the extraterritorial application of domestic laws was having a negative impact on foreign investment in other States and rejected all coercive measures aimed at member States seeking to broaden the scope of their economic cooperation and trade,

Deeply concerned that Member States are continuing to apply extraterritorial coercive economic laws in violation of the norms of international law and the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Believing that the prompt elimination of such measures would be consistent with the purposes and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant rules of the World Trade Organization,

Recalling its resolution 51/22 of 27 November 1996,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/22;[3]

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of every State to economic and social development and to choose the political, economic and social system that it deems to be most appropriate for the welfare of its people, in accordance with its national plans and policies;

3. *Expresses its deep concern* at the negative impact of unilaterally imposed extraterritorial coercive economic measures on trade and financial and economic cooperation, including at the regional level, as well as the serious obstacles posed to the freedom of trade and the free flow of capital at the regional and international levels;

4. *Reiterates its call* for the repeal of unilateral extraterritorial laws that impose sanctions on corporations and nationals of other States;

5. *Again calls upon* all States not to recognize or apply extraterritorial coercive economic measures or legislative enactments unilaterally imposed by any State;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion".

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[2] A/53/72-S/1998/156; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-third Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1998*, document S/1998/156.

[3] A/52/343 and Add.1 and 2.

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53/11. Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/217, 52/218 and 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Reaffirms* that the circumstances in which the Secretary-General can accept gratis personnel should be in strict compliance with paragraphs 4 (*a*) and (*b*) of General Assembly resolution 51/243;

2. *Notes* that the decrease in type II gratis personnel is continuing, as requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 9 of resolution 51/243;

3. *Notes with concern* that the information provided by the Secretary-General fails to demonstrate the extent to which all gratis personnel accepted in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat provide very specialized expertise not available within the Organization, as is required under paragraph 4 (*a*) of resolution 51/243;

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[1] A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1 and A/C.5/52/56.

[2] A/53/417.

4. *Also notes with concern* the observation by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[3] that the cases of the acceptance of gratis personnel by the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, referred to in the reports of the Secretary-General,[4] contravene the provisions of resolution 51/243 which do not allow acceptance of gratis personnel on the grounds of failure by the Secretariat to recruit staff in an expeditious manner;

5. *Further notes with concern* that the extension of the deadline for the submission of applications for the replacement of type II gratis personnel has resulted in cases of differential treatment among Member States;

6. *Takes note* of the commitment and assurances of the Secretary-General that the recruitment process for the replacement of type II gratis personnel, including those in the two international tribunals, will be completed by 28 February 1999, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 52/234 and 52/248;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve further the planning and implementation mechanism in human resources management in a transparent manner and secure the independent and efficient work of the Secretariat pursuant to Articles 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that recruitment for any new posts arising from the phase-out of gratis personnel is carried out on as wide a geographical basis as possible with due regard to gender;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the phase-out of type II gratis personnel at its resumed fifty-third session.

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[3] Ibid., para. 8.

[4] A/C.5/52/51, paras. 4 and 5, and A/C.5/52/56, para. 4.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522)*]

53/12. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B of 15 September 1997, 51/243 of 15 September 1997 and 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

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[1] A/52/837 and Corr.1.

[2] A/52/892 and A/53/418.

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998;

2. *Takes note with deep concern* of the observations contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[3] to the effect that little had been done to meet the explicit concerns of the Advisory Committee concerning the quality of information provided by the Secretary-General and that the lack of a reply to requests for clarification or additional information in particular areas had affected a specific recommendation of the Committee;

3. *Notes with concern* that the extension of the deadline for the submission of applications for the replacement of type II gratis personnel has resulted in cases of differential treatment among Member States;

4. *Takes note* of the commitment and assurances of the Secretary-General that the recruitment process for the replacement of type II gratis personnel, including those in the two international tribunals,[4] will be completed by 28 February 1999, in accordance with its resolutions 52/234 and 52/248;

5. *Reaffirms* its decision contained in paragraph 16 of its resolution 52/248 to approve four hundred support account-funded temporary posts for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when determining the allocation of the four hundred support account-funded temporary posts, including the six additional posts, to take into account the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include in his support account submission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 a comprehensive review of a rapidly deployable mission headquarters, addressing particularly the differences between its functional responsibilities and those of the Mission Planning Service of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat, and further to develop the concept for its employment during the initial phase of a new peacekeeping operation, as mentioned by the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations in paragraph 101 of its report,[5] referred to by the Advisory Committee in its report,[6] and address the issues raised and comments and observations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;

8. *Decides* to establish, within the level of the four hundred support account-funded temporary posts approved for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, two civilian posts at the P-4 level (one Humanitarian Affairs Officer and one Civilian Police Officer) for a rapidly deployable mission

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[3] A/53/418.

[4] International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 and International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

[5] A/53/127.

[6] See A/53/418, para. 15.

headquarters, and to revert to the issue of the other proposed positions in the context of its consideration of the information requested in paragraph 7 above;

9. *Takes note* of the observations contained in paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[3] and decides to establish one post at the P-4 level for the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat;

10. *Regrets* that a comprehensive review of the issues raised in its resolutions 50/221 B, 51/239 A and B and 52/248 has not been carried out, and requests the Secretary-General, in the context of his support account submission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, to give a detailed account of the implementation of these and the current resolutions, including the revised structures of those departments involved in backstopping peacekeeping operations, redeployment, duplication, overlap, fragmentation, the evolution in peacekeeping trends, changes in workload and other issues raised by the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 8, 15, 27, 34, 35 and 41 of its report,[3] and to report to the General Assembly thereon.

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53/13. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/7 of 28 October 1997, in which it recommended that the cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union be further strengthened, at a time when the United Nations is preparing to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the recent developments with regard to the cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, following the conclusion of a cooperation agreement between the two organizations in 1996,

Taking note with appreciation of the resolutions adopted and activities carried out by the Inter-Parliamentary Union during the past year in support of United Nations actions in the fields of peace and security, economic and social development, international law and human rights, democracy, gender issues and governance,

1. *Looks forward* to continued close cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

[1] A/53/458.

2. *Welcomes* the initiative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union of holding a conference of presiding officers of national parliaments at United Nations Headquarters, in conjunction with the Millennium Assembly in 2000 proposed by the Secretary-General;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on various aspects of cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, including information made available by the Inter-Parliamentary Union on preparations for the proposed conference of presiding officers of national parliaments in 2000;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union".

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53/14. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/38 of 18 November 1981, 37/8 of 29 October 1982, 38/37 of 5 December 1983, 39/47 of 10 December 1984, 40/60 of 9 December 1985, 41/5 of 17 October 1986, 43/1 of 17 October 1988, 45/4 of 16 October 1990, 47/6 of 21 October 1992, 49/8 of 25 October 1994 and 51/11 of 4 November 1996,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee,[1]

Having heard the statement made by the Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on the steps taken by the Consultative Committee to ensure continuing, close and effective cooperation between the two organizations,[2]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

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[1] A/53/306.

[2] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Plenary Meetings*, 48th meeting (A/53/PV.48), and corrigendum.

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the continuing efforts of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee towards strengthening the role of the United Nations and its various organs, including the International Court of Justice, through programmes and initiatives undertaken by the Consultative Committee;

3. *Also notes with satisfaction* the commendable progress achieved towards enhancing cooperation between the United Nations and the Consultative Committee in wider areas;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the decision of the Consultative Committee to participate actively in the programmes of the United Nations Decade of International Law and programmes on environment and sustainable development, as well as in the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on cooperation between the United Nations and the Consultative Committee;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee".

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53/15. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/2 of 13 October 1993, by which it granted observer status to the Economic Cooperation Organization,

Recalling also that one of the purposes of the United Nations is to promote international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character,

Recalling further its resolutions 50/1 of 12 October 1995, 51/21 of 27 November 1996 and 52/19 of 21 November 1997, in which it urged the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and invited the relevant international financial institutions to initiate, maintain and increase consultations and programmes and extend their assistance to the Economic Cooperation Organization and its associated institutions in the attainment of their objectives,

Recalling its resolution 52/169 M of 16 December 1997 on the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan,

Bearing in mind the progress achieved in the restructuring process of the Economic Cooperation Organization and considering that that organization should strive to play a more effective role, aimed at the all-round socio-economic development of its member States, which is consistent with the aims and objectives of the United Nations in promoting higher standards of living and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

Welcoming the recent developments concerning drug control activities in the region of the Economic Cooperation Organization, including the growing cooperation between that organization and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the resolution adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization at its eighth meeting to strengthen the monitoring of the international trade in precursors used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Noting that the existing relationship between the Economic Cooperation Organization and various organizations of the United Nations system has contributed towards identifying and assisting regional programmes in advancing the socio-economic infrastructure of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, and encouraging further coordinated utilization of available resources in promoting common objectives of the two organizations,

1. *Takes note* of the Almaty Declaration[1] issued at the fifth meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held at Almaty on 10 and 11 May 1998, which re-emphasizes the importance of and the resolve of the States members of that organization to promote socio-economic development, enhanced trade and an integrated transport and communications network in their territories;

2. *Takes note also* of the Programme of Action of the Economic Cooperation Organization Decade of Transport and Communications (1998–2007), adopted at the Second Ministerial Meeting on Transport and Communications of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held at Ashgabat in March 1998, and invites the specialized agencies and international financial institutions to give due consideration to the projects envisaged in the Programme of Action for assistance;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the signing, at Almaty in May 1998, by the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, of the main text of the Transit Transport Framework Agreement, aimed at facilitating the transit of goods and passengers, both within the region of the Economic Cooperation Organization and in neighbouring countries, and invites the relevant United Nations entities to extend all possible assistance in promoting the objectives of the Framework Agreement both within and outside the region;

4. *Appreciates* the entry into force of the agreements on transit trade and visa simplification procedures for businessmen in the region of the Economic Cooperation Organization, which, in conjunction with the ongoing technical assistance of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development concerning trade efficiency and trade and transport facilitation, may contribute to enhancing intraregional and interregional trade;

5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/19,[2] expresses satisfaction at the enhanced pace of mutually beneficial interaction between the two organizations through cooperative arrangements entered into by the Economic Cooperation Organization with various organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, and requests those organizations to maintain the existing momentum of contacts and cooperation;

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[1] A/52/962, annex.

[2] A/53/435.

6. *Welcomes* the recommendations of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its fifty-fourth session, held in April 1998 to promote cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization in the identified areas of mutual concern, and invites the Commission to enhance the mutual collaboration with that organization, focusing on implementable projects in the priority areas of the Economic Cooperation Organization, namely, transport and communications, trade, investment, energy, environment, industry and agriculture, for the overall benefit of the entire region;

7. *Also welcomes* the signing by the Economic Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Development Programme of the project document on capacity-building of the secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization, and encourages the Programme to continue to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the regional cooperation arrangements and create an enabling environment for sustainable development in the area;

8. *Further welcomes* the signing in December 1997 by the Economic Cooperation Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of a memorandum of understanding, and accordingly invites the Food and Agriculture Organization, within its current mandate and resources, to consult and cooperate with the Economic Cooperation Organization in order to attain the objectives of the latter in this field;

9. *Welcomes* the holding, at Baku in September 1998, of a joint Economic Cooperation Organization and United Nations Population Fund conference on the role of men in reproductive health and family planning, and calls upon the Fund and other relevant United Nations organizations, in cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization, to continue activities in the field of public health and social development in the future;

10. *Calls upon* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the relevant United Nations organizations, in pursuit of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, to render all possible assistance to the Economic Cooperation Organization in the implementation of its programmes and projects pertaining to the world drug problem;

11. *Invites* the relevant international financial institutions to extend their assistance, both technical and financial, as appropriate, to the regional development plans of the Economic Cooperation Organization in the priority areas;

12. *Welcomes* the decision of the Heads of Central Asian States on the creation of an international fund on saving the Aral Sea, and invites the relevant international organizations to extend financial and technical assistance towards rehabilitation programmes and projects, both ongoing and future, in certain parts of the region of the Economic Cooperation Organization that are suffering from ecological catastrophic influences, including the Aral Sea, the Caspian Sea, the Semipalatinsk nuclear testing site and the Sarez Lake basin;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization".

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53/16. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/4 of 22 October 1982, 38/4 of 28 October 1983, 39/7 of 8 November 1984, 40/4 of 25 October 1985, 41/3 of 16 October 1986, 42/4 of 15 October 1987, 43/2 of 17 October 1988, 44/8 of 18 October 1989, 45/9 of 25 October 1990, 46/13 of 28 October 1991, 47/18 of 23 November 1992, 48/24 of 24 November 1993, 49/15 of 15 November 1994, 50/17 of 20 November 1995, 51/18 of 14 November 1996 and 52/4 of 22 October 1997,

Recalling also its resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, by which it decided to invite the Organization of the Islamic Conference to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and of its subsidiary organs in the capacity of observer,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference,[1]

Taking into account the desire of both organizations to continue to cooperate closely in the political, economic, social, humanitarian, cultural and technical fields and in their common search for solutions to global problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, fundamental human rights and economic and technical development,

[1] A/53/430.

Recalling the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage the activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Noting the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations, its funds and programmes and specialized agencies and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, its subsidiary organs and its specialized and affiliated institutions,

Noting also the encouraging progress made in the ten priority areas of cooperation, as well as in the identification of other areas of cooperation,

Convinced that the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its organs and institutions contributes to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation the determination of both organizations to strengthen further the existing cooperation by developing specific proposals in the designated priority areas of cooperation, as well as in the political field,

Welcoming the results of the general meeting of the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its subsidiary organs and specialized and affiliated institutions, held at Geneva from 13 to 15 July 1998,

Welcoming also the third high-level meeting, convened by the Secretary-General on 28 and 29 July 1998, of regional organizations,[2] including the Organization of the Islamic Conference, with which the United Nations has cooperated in preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and peacekeeping,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Takes note* of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the general meeting of the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its subsidiary organs and specialized and affiliated institutions;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the active participation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the work of the United Nations towards the realization of the purposes and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to continue to cooperate in their common search for solutions to global problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, fundamental human rights, social and economic development and technical cooperation;

5. *Welcomes* the efforts of the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to strengthen cooperation between the two organizations in areas of common concern and to review the ways and means for enhancing the actual mechanisms of such cooperation;

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[2] See A/52/1021–S/1998/785, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-third Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1998*, document S/1998/785.

6. *Welcomes with appreciation* the increased cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the field of peacemaking and preventive diplomacy and takes note of the close cooperation between the two organizations in the search for a peaceful and lasting solution to the conflict in Afghanistan;

7. *Welcomes* the efforts of the secretariats of the two organizations to strengthen information exchange, coordination and cooperation between them in areas of mutual interest in the political field and their ongoing consultations with a view to further developing the modalities of such cooperation;

8. *Welcomes also* the periodic high-level meetings between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, as well as between senior secretariat officials of the two organizations, and encourages their participation in important meetings of the two organizations;

9. *Encourages* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to continue to expand their cooperation with the subsidiary organs and specialized and affiliated institutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, particularly by negotiating cooperation agreements, and invites them to multiply the contacts and meetings of the focal points for cooperation in priority areas of interest to the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

10. *Urges* the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, especially the lead agencies, to provide increased technical and other forms of assistance to the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its subsidiary organs and specialized and affiliated institutions in order to enhance cooperation;

11. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his continued efforts to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its subsidiary organs and specialized and affiliated institutions to serve the mutual interests of the two organizations in the political, economic, social, cultural and humanitarian fields;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the state of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference".

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